

## MINUTES

### MEETING OF THE RECLAMATION BOARD April 20, 2007

#### A closed session was held

**NOTE: *THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER TIMED ITEMS AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE LISTED TIME, BUT NOT BEFORE THE TIME SPECIFIED. UNTIMED ITEMS MAY BE HEARD IN ANY ORDER. MINUTES ARE PRESENTED IN AGENDA ORDER, THOUGH ITEMS WERE NOT NECESSARILY HEARD IN THAT ORDER.***

A regular meeting (Open Session) of the Reclamation Board was held on April 20, 2007 beginning at 9:40 a.m. in the Resources Building, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California.

The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Benjamin Carter, President  
Mr. Butch Hodgkins, Vice President  
Ms. Lady Bug Doherty, Secretary  
Ms. Rose Marie Burroughs, Member  
Ms. Teri Rie, Member

The following members of the staff were present:

Mr. Jay Punia, General Manager  
Mr. Stephen Bradley, Chief Engineer  
Mr. Dan Fua, Supervising Engineer  
Mr. Eric Butler, Senior Engineer  
Ms. Nancy Finch, Legal Counsel  
Mr. Scott Morgan, Legal Counsel  
Ms. Lorraine Pendlebury, Staff Assistant

Department of Water Resources staff present:

Mr. Steve Dawson  
Mr. Jeff Fong  
Mr. Chris Huitt  
Mr. Larry Lee  
Mr. Rod Mayer  
Ms. Erin Mullen  
Mr. Keith Swanson  
Mr. Sterling Sorenson  
Mr. Sam Brandon  
Mr. Dan Yamanaka

Ms. Robyn Starr  
Ms. Maria Burr  
Mr. Ricardo Pineda

Also present (according to sign-in sheet and cards):

Mr. Francis Silva, Levee District 1  
Mr. Bill Hampson, Levee District 1  
Mr. Jose Puente, Hamilton City Comm. Serv.  
Ms. Lee Ann Gregsby-Puente, Reclamation District 2140  
Mr. Mike Churkin  
Mr. Steve McMurty, KB Homes  
Mr. Larry Dacos, MBK/TRILIA  
Mr. Dick Marshall, CCVFCA  
Mr. Richard Webb, Reclamation District 784  
Mr. Randy Olsen, HDR  
Mr. Chris Guenther  
Mr. Lewis Bair, Reclamation District 108  
Mr. Bill Paris, Reclamation District 2140  
Mr. Kurt Oneto, Nielsen, Merksamer LLP  
Mr. Ken Myers, BC Rancho Cordova  
Mr. Jeremy Garland, HBT  
Ms. Frances Knight  
Mr. Alberto Pujol, GEI  
Mr. Dan Works, GEI  
Mr. Michael Churchill, Kronick, Moskovitz  
Mr. Paul Brunner, TRLIA  
Mr. Michael Churkin  
Mr. John Barnhart, KB Homes  
Mr. Tom Ellis, Sacramento River West Side Levee District  
Mr. Joe Countryman  
Mr. Tom Eres, Hofman Ranch  
Mr. Tom Foley, Concerned Citizens for Responsible Growth  
Mr. John Hess, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Mr. Greg Kwiatkowski, Hidden Lakes RV Park  
Mr. Ric Reinhardt, MBK Engineers  
Mr. Scott Shapiro, TRLIA  
Mr. Raj Kumar Sharma, Sunrise Orchards  
Mr. Jeffrey Twitchell, Levee District 1  
Mr. Richard Webb, Reclamation District 784  
Mr. David van Rijn, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers

## **1. ROLL CALL**

*President Carter brought the meeting to order at 8:30. All Board members were in attendance, with the exception of Teri Rie. The Board then went into Closed Session. Ms. Rie arrived at 9:30 during the closed session. The open meeting came to order at 9:40 a.m.*

- 2.\* CLOSED SESSION** – to discuss litigation (Natural Resources Defense Council v. Reclamation Board; Case No. 06CS01228) pursuant to Govt. Code § 11126 (e)(2)(A)

**NOTE:** The Board will not resume Open Session prior to 9:00 a.m.

**3.\* APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 19, 2007**

*Upon motion by Secretary Doherty, seconded by Ms. Rie, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes as presented.*

**4.\* APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Upon motion by Secretary Doherty, seconded by Ms. Rie, and carried by a vote of four to one, the Board approved the agenda as presented. Member Burroughs was the one dissenting vote.*

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Mr. Scott Shapiro, representing M&T Ranches, gave a presentation to brief the Board on the state of a critical erosion site on his client's land. It is at the top end of the Sacramento River Flood Control Project, and is referred to as the Phelan Levee at River mile 192.4. In 1964 the Board had the levee lowered to allow for overflow in a high water event. Historically, DWR has been involved in maintaining flood relief structures and weirs in the vicinity. Due to serious erosion in recent years, Mr. Shapiro feels the Board should be aware of the need for maintenance in this area; he feels this should be done as soon as possible as failure of this levee could be disastrous to the Butte Basin.*

**6. REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (Rod Mayer)**

*Mr. Keith Swanson, Acting Chief of the Division of Flood Management, reported that the Sacramento Valley water year is being classified as dry; the San Joaquin Valley water year is critical. Since several preceding years were wet years, groundwater levels are near normal; however, water deliveries will be affected.*

*The levee evaluation program continues to move forward in the urban areas. In response to a question from Member Rie regarding the methodology for geotechnical analysis, Mr. John Hess of the Army Corps of Engineers explained that headquarters is preparing a new criteria document using risk and uncertainty, which will require some differing hydraulic analysis, and perhaps some geotechnical analysis. He believes FEMA will ultimately go the same way, as opposed to the freeboard criteria. Mr. Hess offered to brief the Board on the new criteria at a later date.*

*Mr. Swanson then went on to report on Tisdale Bypass; working with State Parks and the City of Colusa on a possible mitigation site; maintenance projects, which at this time all involve rural levees; and the issue of vegetation on levees. In regard to vegetation on levees, Mr. Swanson feels that the Board should write a letter to the Corps expressing concern over the proposed new policy. President Carter agreed that the Board should*

*write a letter to the Corps; also to think about having a Board member on the Interagency Flood Management Collaborative Group. Mr. Swanson also reported on inspections; meetings with reclamation districts regarding maintenance; and legislation.*

## **7. THREE RIVERS LEVEE IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY MONTHLY REPORT (Paul Brunner)**

*Mr. Paul Brunner, TRLIA, asked Mr. John Hess of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to speak about certification. Mr. Hess stated that the Corps is preparing a draft letter for levee certification on the area of the Yuba River, from Highway 70 to Simpson Lane, the Western Pacific Interceptor Canal, and the Bear River Setback area. He commended Paul Brunner, TRLIA staff, and their consultants for doing an outstanding job in providing the information requested by the Corps. He mentioned that the Corps has done additional analysis and that they are ready to certify those portions of the system.*

*President Carter asked for clarification because there were four areas mentioned for certification in TRLIA's Monthly Report. Mr. Ric Reinhardt, TRLIA Program Manager, responded by saying that the fourth area needs repair work done to bring it up to 100 year protection, and that certification will most likely not happen until construction starts in 2008.*

*Steve Bradley, Reclamation Board Chief Engineer, wanted to mention that the certification was for FEMA purposes, and that the Corps still has to accept the Bear River levee setback as part of the federal project and turn it over to the Reclamation Board. He asked when that might happen. Mr. Hess said that he's the wrong person to answer that question, but that he will take it back to the Corps' staff and get back to Steve. He also wanted to add that the Corps' new standard is to have the certification good for ten years, and then a mandatory review done after that, unless changes require an earlier review. There were questions about the review process, to which Mr. Hess answered that he did not know because the draft document was not available yet.*

*Mr. Brunner continued with his report and provided an overall update on the project, including future monthly reports, how they dealt with compliance issues brought up at the March 22<sup>nd</sup> Sub-Committee meeting, briefings to the Board on the setback, levee work, Feather River, Phase 4's Prop 1e application, building permits issued, and section 104 credit on segment 2. Mr. Scott Shapiro then spoke about TRLIA's funding.*

*Ms. Burrows requested handouts given to all board members of recaps of subcommittee meetings.*

*At this point, Vice-President Hodgkins asked to give a brief summary of the TRLIA Sub-Committee's conclusions. He stated that, after two sub-committee meetings, the sub-committee members felt that: 1) if everything goes as planned, TRLIA will be able to complete the work on the Feather River levees before the winter of 2009 – the setback levee will have been constructed, and the other two reaches of the levee will have been strengthened and reinforced; 2) that the sub-committee members need to continue monitoring the work based on the schedule agreed to; 3) that a lot of time was spent on issues associated with the permits and compliance with the permits; and, 4) that Mr. Rex*

*Archer's issue of the work done by TRLIA and the Corps' engineers on the Yuba not being adequate will have to remain unresolved.*

*Mr. Tom Foley of Concerned Citizens for Responsible Growth stated that the \$135 million dollar funding figure that he has been referring to came from Mr. Shapiro's testimony on May 19, 2006. He asked that the Reclamation Board take over the whole project because he said that TRLIA has little interest in a well-thought-out flood control system or public safety, and is developer-driven.*

### **CONSENT**

#### **8.\* CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Exchange of Easements - KB Home – San Joaquin County (Jeff Fong)

Consider approval of an exchange of easements with KB Home to correct a misalignment of a levee easement along the San Joaquin River in the City of Lathrop.

B. California Environmental Quality Act Findings – Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency's Natomas Cross Canal Project, Sutter County (Dan Fua)

Consider approval of memo documenting findings adopted by the Reclamation Board at the March 16, 2007 meeting regarding the Natomas Cross Canal Project, pursuant to CEQA Regulations (14 CCR s 15091 and 15096)

*Upon motion by Vice President Hodgkins, seconded by Member Burroughs, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar as presented.*

### **REQUESTED ACTIONS**

#### **9.\* MAINTENANCE AREA BUDGETS (Keith Swanson) - 10:30 a.m.**

Consider approval of DWR's proposed fiscal year 2007-2008 maintenance area budgets, pursuant to Water Code § 12878.

*Ms. Burrows had some questions about maintenance and the design capacity of the Sutter By-pass.*

*Mr. Keith Swanson presented DWR's proposed 2007/2008 Maintenance Area budget. Maintenance Areas are formed when the local maintainers no longer want to operate and maintain in an area, or where there's no logical person to step up and operate and maintain the budget. DWR develops an estimate of proposed costs for the coming year, it is noted in the paper, and brought before the Board in the April meeting. Once a budget is adopted, DWR passes the information on to the counties. He reported on costs at various M.A.s. Referring to the proposed budget as detailed in the Board package, he requested the Board to approve the proposed 2007/2008 budget.*

*Upon motion by Vice President Hodgkins, seconded by Teri Rie and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Maintenance Area Budgets as presented.*

**10.\* PROPERTY MANAGEMENT - 11:00 a.m.**

Assignment and Amendment of Agricultural Lease Nos. 94-2 in Yuba County (Jeff Fong)

Consider approval of an assignment of Agricultural Lease Nos. 94-2 from Mr. Brent Hastey to Mr. Raj Sharma; and consider approval of an amendment to Agricultural Lease No. 94-2 to extend the minimum rent of \$1,000 per year until 2015 and to extend the term of the lease to 2027, with 3 five-year renewals.

*Mr. Jeff Fong asked the Board to consider two actions involving a 120-acre parcel it owns along the Feather River, just waterward of the levee, on the overflow area, just north of Broadway. The first action is to assign the balance of the ten year lease from the current lessee, Brent Hastey, to Mr. Raj Sharma. The second action is to allow Mr. Sharma to amend the lease to change the rent structure and duration of the lease so he can develop the property and have time to recover his costs and make a profit. Mr. Sharma is asking for the current \$1000 per year rental fee to be extended until October 31, 2015; changing to \$10,000 per year, or five percent of the gross crop value, whichever is the greater amount, from November 1, 2015 onward. He is also asking for an extension of the term of the lease until October 31, 2027, with an additional three five-year renewal options.*

*Mr. Fong noted that the reason this lease looks different from other leases is that the parcel could be needed for mitigation purpose; however, he is not aware of any current need for mitigation.*

*Mr. Sharma then explained the plans he had for the parcel, and the costs involved in getting a walnut orchard up and producing. He told of the work he has done keeping the parcel cleared of debris. In answer to a question from President Carter regarding the customary rents, Mr. Sharma replied that while the rent was lower than customary, this was due to the parcel requiring extra investments.*

*In answer to a question from Vice President Hodgkins as to whether Flood Management had seen the report, Mr. Fong stated that they had received the report late and would like action postponed on extension of the lease for an additional month so they could review the report. He also stated that there was another 12.8 acres on the original lease agreement to Mr. Hastey which could be available for mitigation purposes; however, that acreage was covered under a separate lease.*

*It was agreed that extension of the lease would be postponed to a later date. A vote would be taken, however, on transfer of the lease to Mr. Sharma.*

*Upon motion by Secretary Doherty, seconded by Member Burroughs, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the transfer of the lease from Mr. Hastey to Mr. Sharma, which would terminate October 21, 2007.*

## 11.\* APPLICATIONS

- A. Application No. 18170, Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority, Yuba County (Dan Fua) - 11:30 a.m.

Consider approval of the strengthening of the left (east) bank levee of Feather River by construction of slurry cutoff walls and stability berms between Levee Miles 13.3 to 17.1 and 23.6 to 26.1; and reshaping the levee crown from Levee Mile 0.0 to 0.3 on the left (south) bank levee of Yuba River. The project is in Yuba County within Reclamation District 784.

*Legal Counsel Morgan advised that the Board does not have to specifically agendize the 408 letter as it is part of the permitting process. For the permit itself, staff has not been able to evaluate a lot of the issues for CEQA. The permit cannot be addressed today as staff is not able to make any presentation to the Board, and Board regulations specifically require the Environmental Review Committee review before it is brought to the Board, and that has not happened. Mr. Chris Huitt advised that it would be brought up at the next ERC meeting.*

*Mr. Scott Shapiro of TRLIA stated what while they did not need the permit now, it was important to get the 408 process started and he will work with Mr. Morgan to get the letter done; once the ERC work is done, TRLIA will bring the permit to the Board.*

*Mr. Tom Foley of CCRG stated that the Reclamation Board is not working in the best interest of the public; also he wondered about the default, or potential default, of TRLIA which was not being made public. General Manager Punia stated that he had a letter from Mr. Foley and that Mr. Foley would be getting a letter in reply. President Carter stated that it is the Legislature who decides what is the Board's jurisdiction.*

*Mr. Tom Eres of Hofman Ranch suggested that there be more integration between the Board, DWR, FEMA and the Corps. He feels the 408 permit should be looked at as a construction review by the Corps. He urges the Board to embrace their other colleagues.*

*Upon motion by Member Rie, seconded by Vice President Hodgkins, and carried by a four to one vote, the Board authorized staff to send, for this permit application, a letter to the Corps requesting a federal determination to modify the federal project. Member Burroughs was the one dissenting vote.*

- B. Application No. 17500, Milton Miner, Yuba County (Eric Butler) - 1:00 p.m.

Consider approval of a project to develop a 113-acre RV park (campground) to include a 30-acre lake, recreation room, restroom facility, RV dump station, entry kiosk, pumping station, and RV spaces with utility connections near the confluence of the Yuba and Feather Rivers. The project is in Yuba County within Reclamation District 784.

*Senior Engineer Eric Butler described the project referred to as Lake Marysville RV Resort and explained the reason this was being brought before the Board. The initial application asked for authorization of 200 sites; however, this application is limited to 66 sites. One of the main benefits of this project would be reduction or trash dumping, illegal camping, and off-road vehicle damage. And since there are no permanent residences, and many of the structures are portable, it appears to be a good use of the floodway. Staff recommends: 1) the approval of the draft permit as revised to construct the initial 66 sites; 2) that the Board delegate authority to the General Manager to approve future revision to the permit for up to 200 sites once sufficient design documents are provided; and 3) that the Board reiterate to RD 784 that transfer of local maintaining agency operations and maintenance responsibilities and their liabilities to the State is unacceptable and will not be permitted now or in the future.*

*Vice President Hodgkins questions whether vehicles left in the park during flood season would present a problem. Mr. Butler pointed out that these would be drivable vehicles that could be picked up and driven out.*

*Mr. Greg Kwiatkowski, son-in-law of the applicant, stated that they have worked very hard to provide additional escape routes from the future park, estimating that it would take approximately 24 hours to get the 66 vehicles out of the park and approximately 72 hours for the full 200 stations. He also stated that they are in direct contact with operators of the basins and would not wait till just 72 hours before evacuation but would move vehicles at even a minimal risk of flood. In answer to a question from President Carter, Mr. Kwiatkowski explained the plans for dealing with gray water and black water tanks.*

*In answer to a question from Member Rie, Mr. Richard Webb of RD 784 replied that the District had no intent to transfer the maintenance responsibilities of the adjacent levee to the Reclamation Board.*

*In answer to a question from Member Burroughs as to how soon the evacuation plan can be completed, Mr. Butler stated that it should be submitted within 60 days of approval of the permit.*

*Mr. Joe Countryman stated that, based on his experience, an RV park should not be in the floodway during the flood season as it could impact the operation of the flood control system.*

*Upon motion by Vice President Hodgkins, seconded by Secretary Doherty, and carried by a vote of four to one, the Board approved the permit as recommended by staff for a 66-RV campground, overnight, with day use only from April 15 to October 31, with delegation of authority to the General Manager for approving future expansion and the reiteration to RD 784. Member Burroughs was the one dissenting vote.*

- 12.\*** Consider approval of a letter requesting Section 104 credit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on behalf of the Yuba County Water Agency for the Feather River Levee Segment 2 (Setback Levee) work in Reclamation District 784 (Erin Mullin) – **1:45 p.m.**



*Ms. Erin Mullin, Project Manager for the Yuba River Basin Project, introduced Mr. Larry Dakus of MBK Engineers, who is representing the Yuba County Water Agency. He stated that the request is to ensure that local agency funds and Proposition 1E funds that the State may invest in this project would receive credit for the non-federal share of future improvements that may be authorized by the Corps.*

*Mr. Dakus then introduced Mr. Paul Brunner of TRLIA to give an overview of the project. Mr. Brunner explained how the passage of Proposition 84 and 1E opened up the opportunity for building a setback levee and explained the advantages of that as opposed to repairing the current levee and he gave the schedule for the project, with completion scheduled by the end of 2008. The old levee that would be replaced would be torn down in 2009.*

*Ms. Mullen then stated that one of the reasons the federal government is looking at a setback levee is for ecosystem restoration; the 104 request is because we're requesting to line up the federal government. This would not happen with a fix-in-place levee.*

*Mr. Dacus stated that they would be submitting an application to the Reclamation Board for the tying-in of the setback levee to the existing levee within a few weeks.*

*In answer to a question from Mr. Eres, Mr. Scott Shapiro clarified that it is the State who would get credit for any monies spent. In addition, he stated that the 104 request had to be given to the Corps before the project started. He also stated that the Yuba County Water Agency is partnering with the State as the nonfederal sponsor. Ms. Mullen also clarified that the letter pertains to the Yuba River Basin Project; the project that the Corps is looking at is a multipurpose project, with flood control as well as ecosystem restoration. A setback levee is part of their multipurpose project and that is the vehicle under which we are requesting this 104 credit. Also in answer to questions from the Board, she stated that it does not say that the Board conceptually approves the project, but simply that the Board supports 104 credit for the efforts.*

*President Carter stated that he had a problem with the land acquisition process. He felt that perhaps this letter could wait until TRLIA's land acquisition is completed, which is scheduled for May.*

*Upon motion by Member Rie to send the letter, seconded by Vice President Hodgkins, the motion was defeated by a three to two vote. Members Hodgkins and Rie voted yes, Members Doherty, Burroughs and Carter voted no.*

### **INFORMATIONAL BRIEFINGS**

#### **13. HAMILTON CITY PROJECT (Larry Lee) - 2:15 p.m.**

*Mr. Larry Lee introduced Mr. David van Rijn of the Corps of Engineers to give an overview of the Hamilton City Project which is a multipurpose project for its ecosystem restoration and flood damage reduction. The project would remove an existing levee and create a setback levee and 1,500 acres of ecosystem restoration. It is a unique project to the Corps as it is the first to go through its multipurpose project authorization,*

*and it is being closely watched. The Corps is working with the Reclamation Board under a cost-share agreement, and also works with the Department of Transportation and local entities.*

*Mr. van Rijn stated that the project is in a pre-construction engineering and design phase. They now have federal funds and he expects to have 100 percent design done by June or July of 2008 so that construction of the project can start in 2009. Authorization is still needed from Congress for construction. Once the House and Senate approves WRDA, the Corps can sign a project cooperation agreement with the local sponsors to go into construction and at that point will just need construction funds from the federal government. The project offers great benefits to Hamilton City and also has great ecosystem restoration benefits.*

*Mr. Bill Paris of Reclamation District 2140 then spoke thanking the Reclamation Board for its help it getting Water Resources to help with the nonfederal share for PED.*

*In answer to a question from Vice President Hodgkins, there was some discussion regarding the Board's responsibilities and liability. Mr. Lee stated that that question was still under discussion.*

**14. PROPOSED SETBACK LEVEE AT STAR BEND BY LEVEE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF SUTTER COUNTY (Jeff Twitchell) - 3:00 p.m.**

*Mr. Jeff Twitchell, representing Levee District No. 1 of Sutter County, explained that the project meets the criteria for the Prop 1E and 84. He would like to begin the 408 process, as well as Section 104 reimbursement. Star Bend is, historically, a weak point in the system due to underseepage, which the setback levee could alleviate.*

*The EIR has been distributed, and the close of the draft comment period closed two week prior to this meeting. The Draft EIR has been sent out for circulation for public review and comment. There has been a public workshop and LD1 is now preparing responses to the eight comments received regarding their EIR. An application is has been notified, as have all adjoining property owners. Mr. Twitchell then explained from where the funding would come. He would like to work with staff to discuss what more needs to be done for the permit.*

*Mr. Mike Churkin, a local landowner, spoke in support of the setback levee.*

*Chief Engineer Bradley stated that the Corps will not talk to the applicant, only with the nonfederal partner, and that the Board will have to ask the Corps to make a determination as to how this levee relocation will be addressed. It is a coordinated process.*

*Mr. Twitchell reminded all that there is an eco-restoration component due to moving the levee, which is a large factor in the cost of the project. It would cost the River Partners \$7300.00 an acre to do the work.*

## **BOARD REPORTS**

### **15. BOARD COMMENTS AND TASK LEADER REPORTS**

*Member Burroughs reported that the San Joaquin meeting was postponed pending some new studies that are just coming out. Also that Reggie Smith will brief the Board at a future date on his concerns regarding the Chowchilla Bypass and the main stem of the San Joaquin about bifurcation.*

*Secretary Doherty questioned the criteria for judging when a project is done; she requested that in future projects be introduced in one segment rather than introduced as different phases. She also addressed the issue regarding getting the Board up to its full membership.*

*Member Rie asked that any letters addressed to individual Board members be available for all Board members if they refer to something that the Board will be voting on. She then reported on the Delta Levee Subvention Committee meeting and the change in funding now available to the Board. It was agreed that the Board should prioritize projects to make the most of this funding.*

*President Carter reported that there was no Executive Committee for this month. However, he said that one outstanding issue is to have a meeting with the Corps on the 408 process so that the Board can better understand the process.*

*There was some discussion on the Hamilton City project. Supervising Engineer Dan Fua reported that the Executive Team Committee was formed and had met, with General Manager Punia as the Board's representative. General Manager Punia stated that the Reclamation Board would be getting more involved. Chief Engineer Bradley said he believed that the Board did have jurisdiction.*

### **16. REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF THE GENERAL MANAGER**

*Mr. Jay Punia, General Manager, reported on the status of applications and permits that had been issued. There are 67 pending permits on the books. Member Rie asked if there were permits pending prior to 2006; Mr. Punia said he would check on that.*

*He said the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Society for American Military Engineers conference which will be July 24 through 26, 2007. This is open to all the Reclamation Board staff and any Board members who wish to attend. The registration fee will be paid. Lorraine Pendlebury will check to see if lodging and transportation will also be covered.*

*Mr. Punia reported that the SAFCA permit has been sent to the Corps asking for a determination on that. He also mentioned two letters received from the Corps, one regarding inspection reports and the other informing us of the districts which are rated unacceptable.*

## 17. FUTURE AGENDA

*Topics for future agendas include a talk by Reggie Hill regarding his concerns for a project in the San Joaquin Valley; the 104 letter for Three Rivers; setback levees as opposed to repair in place, including discussion of reasonable compensation for lands taken and the condemnation process; how to present information to the staff and the Board in a timely manner. There was also a discussion of how the agenda is finalized with regard to the Bagley-Keene issue.*

*Ms. Burrows wants a policy developed on a time line to receive material needed to review before meetings.*

## 18. ADJOURN

*President Carter adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.*

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Maureen Doherty  
Secretary

The foregoing minutes were approved:

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Benjamin F. Carter  
President

The Reclamation Board  
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